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Symyx Technologies, Inc. (ticker: SMMX, exchange:
NASDAQ) News Release - 9-Mar-1999

Dow Chemical and Symyx Sign Polyolefin Collaboration

MIDLAND, MI and SANTA CLARA, CA - March 9, 1999 - The Dow Chemical Company and Symyx Technologies, Inc. today announced that they have entered into a 3 year, \$18 million strategic collaboration to develop polyolefin catalysts using combinatorial materials science. The collaboration will be primarily directed towards the identification of new catalyst systems for the production of a wide range of plastic products.

Under the terms of the three year partnership, Symyx will receive the full \$18 million in research payments and fees, as well as royalties from polyolefin products sales resulting from the collaboration. Dow will obtain world-wide rights to broad families of polyolefin products, and the option to acquire, under separate terms, specific high-throughput Symyx Discovery ToolsTM for use in its laboratories.

"The Dow-Symyx partnership brings together two companies with a priority for reducing time scales in research and development, to aggressively launch innovative products into the market," stated Steven D. Goldby, Symyx chairman and chief executive officer.

According to Ed Gambrell, business vice president, Global Business Platform for INSITE[®] Technology, the Dow Chemical Company, "The Symyx relationship offers a new capability to conduct complex R&D more effectively. We are very impressed with the Symyx capability."

The Dow Chemical Company is the fifth largest chemical company in the world, with annual sales of more than \$20 billion. Dow manufactures and supplies chemicals, plastics and agricultural products for customers in 164 countries around the world, and employs approximately 43,000 people worldwide.

Founded by Dr. Alejandro Zaffaroni and Dr. Peter G. Schultz, Symyx is pioneering the field of combinatorial

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materials science to discover innovative materials for the electronics and chemical industries. Dr. Zaffaroni is also the founder of ALZA Corporation, DNAX research Institute, Affymax N.V. and Affymetrix; Dr. Schultz is Head of the Novartis Institute for Functional Genomics.

Symyx has 130 employees and has raised more than \$50 million to date from private and venture sources, including Aventis Research and Technology, Bayer INNOVATION, Chemicals and Materials Enterprise Associates, Institutional Venture Partners and Venrock Associates. ."

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Symyx Technologies, Inc. (ticker: SMMX, exchange:
NASDAQ) News Release - 12-Jun-2002

Symyx Technologies and Dow Extend Research Collaboration

SANTA CLARA, Calif. & MIDLAND, Mich.-- (BUSINESS WIRE)--June 12, 2002--Symyx Technologies, Inc. (Nasdaq:SMMX) and The Dow Chemical Company (NYSE:DOW) today announced that they have signed a multiyear extension of their research and development collaboration. The collaboration will continue to focus on the discovery of catalysts to produce polyolefins. Polyolefins are polymers used in a wide variety of industrial and consumer plastic products.

Symyx(R) and Dow have collaborated since January 1999. In 2000, Dow purchased a Symyx Discovery Tools(R) system for the optimization of polyolefin catalysts, and is presently developing two Symyx discovered catalysts for different applications.

Under the terms of the extended collaboration agreement, Dow will continue to fund Symyx' discovery efforts and will have exclusive rights to commercialize materials discovered within the fields of the collaboration. Symyx will receive royalties in connection with the sale of any products commercialized under the agreement.

"We are extending our relationship with Symyx because they consistently deliver. Symyx has reliably met aggressive research milestones and come through with the discovery of promising catalyst families. In addition, we are using the Symyx Discovery Tool in our labs to generate additional new catalysts," said Kurt Swogger, vice president of polyolefins research and development at The Dow Chemical Company.

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"We look forward to leveraging Symyx' high throughput discovery technologies to speed introduction of new products important to the customers of our licensing and catalyst businesses," said John Dearborn, vice president of technology licensing & catalyst at The Dow Chemical Company.

"Our ongoing relationship with Dow demonstrates the strategic fit between our two companies, with Symyx focusing on high throughput catalyst discovery and Dow pursuing scale-up and commercialization of the resulting products," said Steven Goldby, chairman and chief executive officer of Symyx Technologies.

Dow is a leading science and technology company that provides innovative chemical, plastic and agricultural products and services to many essential consumer markets. With annual sales of \$28 billion, Dow serves customers in more than 170 countries and a wide range of markets that are vital to human progress, including food, transportation, health and medicine, personal and home care, and building and construction, among others. Committed to the principles of Sustainable Development, Dow and its approximately 50,000 employees seek to balance economic, environmental and social responsibilities.

Symyx develops and applies high-speed combinatorial technologies to the discovery of materials for life science, chemical and electronics applications. Symyx provides research services to its partners through its Industry Collaborations business, seeks to license discovered materials through its Proprietary Materials programs, offers access to select instruments and software through its Discovery Tools business, and licenses research methodology through its Intellectual Property Licensing business. Approximately 25 leading life science, chemical and electronic companies are among Symyx' increasing base of worldwide partners and customers. Symyx currently has over 50 issued patents and over 350 patent applications worldwide. Information about Symyx, including reports and other information filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission, is available on the worldwide web at <http://www.symyx.com> or by phoning 408-773-4095. "Symyx", the logo, "Discovery Tools," "Library Studio," "Endeavor," and "PPR" are registered trademarks and servicemarks of Symyx Technologies, Inc.

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